

106TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 2349

To amend part D of title IV of the Social Security Act to permit States with proven cost-effective and efficient child support collection systems to continue to operate such systems.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 4, 2000

Mr. THOMAS (for himself and Mr. ENZI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. STATE OPTION TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE**  
4 **COST-EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT CHILD SUP-**  
5 **PORT COLLECTION SYSTEMS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 454B(a)(3) of the Social  
7 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 654b(a)(3)) is amended—

1           (1) by striking “The State” and inserting the  
2 following:

3                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—The State”;

4           (2) by inserting “, subject to subparagraph  
5 (B),” after “if”; and

6           (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
7 paragraph:

8                   “(B) STATE OPTION TO CONTINUE TO OP-  
9 ERATE COST-EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT SYS-  
10 TEMS.—The Secretary shall permit a State that  
11 operates a child support collection system by  
12 linking local disbursement units through an  
13 automated information network to continue to  
14 operate such system if the State meets the fol-  
15 lowing criteria:

16                   “(i) The State satisfies the require-  
17 ments of section 454(24)(A) and the sys-  
18 tem functional capacity requirements of  
19 sections 454(16) and 454A.

20                   “(ii) The State allows employers to  
21 send all wage withholding payments to a  
22 single address.

23                   “(iii) The State provides data on a  
24 quarterly basis that demonstrates that,  
25 under the system, for the most recent 4

1           fiscal year quarters, at least 90 percent of  
2           all child support obligations paid are dis-  
3           bursed within 2 business days after re-  
4           ceipt.

5           “(iv) The State complies with all  
6           other applicable requirements of this  
7           part.”.

8           (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
9           subsection (a) take effect as if included in the enactment  
10          of title III of the Personal Responsibility and Work Oppor-  
11          tunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–193;  
12          110 Stat. 2198 et seq.).

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